

- 7 -

Application No. 10/802,832
Amendment dated December 13, 2005
Reply to Office Action of November 15, 2005

- REMARKS/ARGUMENTS -

Two distinct groups of claims were identified by the Examiner, namely Group I comprising claims 1-20 and Group II comprising claims 21 to 31. The Examiner has requested an election of claims under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Applicant hereby elects claims 1-20 of Group 1, without traverse. Applicant however reserves the right to file a divisional application at a later time for the subject matter of the unelected claims 21-31, which has been withdrawn from the set of claims submitted herewith.

Applicant anticipates receiving a complete Action on the merits in due course.

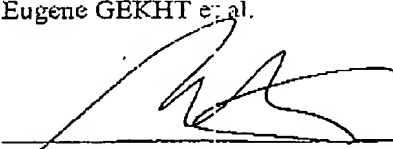
Respectfully submitted,

Eugene GEKHT et al.

By:

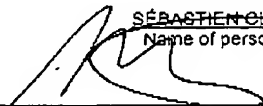
December 13, 2005

Date


Sébastien CLARK, Registration No. 56,651
Agent of Record
OGILVY RENAULT LLP
1981 McGill College Avenue, #1600
Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2Y3
Tel.: (514) 847-4259

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.


SÉBASTIEN CLARK, Reg. No. 56,651
Name of person signing certification

Signature

December 13, 2005
Date